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Unique Event at Lake Tahoe Caps State Parks Adventure Series

LAKE TAHOE – A 12-hour race from the crest of the Sierra down to the waters of Lake Tahoe will cap this year's California Adventure Classic Series at California State Parks on Sunday, September 28, State Parks Director Ruth Coleman announced today.

This final race of the three-event Adventure Classic Series will feature participants on mountain bikes, in kayaks and on foot over a 50-mile course beginning in the Sierra peaks surrounding Lake Tahoe. The team with the most cumulative points from all three will receive the coveted Governor's Cup trophy presented by State Parks.

"This unique race showcases the natural beauty of our State Parks, while also highlighting the wide variety of recreational opportunities available to our visitors," said Coleman. "This is a perfect event for our Governor's Cup series."

Last year's Governor's Cup was awarded by State Parks at a championship surfing contest at San Onofre State Beach. This year, California State Parks partnered with Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) and International Adventure Events (IAE) to host three events leading up to award of the Governor's Cup.

The earlier events were held in the desert at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Ocotillo Wells State Park, and along the coast at Point Mugu State Park, south of Oxnard. Those races also featured treks, mountain bike courses and kayak races.

The route of the final event Sept. 28 takes participants through three California state parks – Sugar Pine Point, D.L. Bliss and Emerald Bay. Racers will start between midnight and 2 a.m. with an 18-mile mountain bike ride from high in the surrounding mountains to Lake Tahoe. From there, participants will transition to a kayak paddle through Emerald Bay. It will culminate with a 9-mile trek along the shore of the lake, ending at D.L. Bliss State Park with the award of the Governor's Cup.

The public is invited to watch the race. Visitors may watch the run to the kayaks, roughly between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., at the Sugar Pine Point Day Use Beach, or view the finish at D.L. Bliss Lester Beach, roughly from noon until 2 p.m., with the awards ceremony following.

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